

THE WORLD

Secret operations aimed against Nicaragua

New York. The Honduran rap-
ter is turning into a centre for planning secret operations against Nicaragua, reports an NBC correspondent from Tegucigalpa, quoting American diplomats and intelligence services.

At present there are around a hundred American "advisors" in Honduras, including "experts" from commando units, in one of the camps training former Somozan forces who were

involved, the report stresses, in the latest acts of sabotage in Nicaragua, and undergoing training under the direction of Argentinian experts. The USA supplies them with weapons.

The NBC programme host said that when asked to confirm or dismiss these facts, an administration spokesman replied as follows: we are not in the habit of commenting on secret operations.

US ARMAMENTS FOR PAKISTAN

Under a military-political deal signed with Pakistan to a total sum of over 3,000 million dollars the United States has started large-scale deliveries to Pakistan of military aircraft, tanks and other heavy combat equipment. PBI news agency reports from Islamabad, it said that the deal envisages turning Pakistan into a strong military power in South Asia, which would obviously project US "vital interests" in South-West Asia, the Indian Ocean and the Middle East. In accordance with the deal, Islamabad is soon to receive 40 F-16 fighter-bombers, assault helicopters, air-to-surface missiles and other military hardware.

Commanding on US arms supplies to Pakistan, the Indian press stresses that Washington's "generosity" towards the Zia ul-Haq military government is easy to explain. After the fall of the shah regime in Iran, Pakistan has in fact been playing the part of chief American ally in the region. The United States and China are using Pakistani territory to wage an undeclared war

against the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

"The Times of India" said today that, according to reports reaching here, the Pakistani port of Gwadar is to become another stronghold of the US "rapid deployment force" of intervention. The US military base under construction there will control approaches to the Persian Gulf and the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

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Drawing by V. Chakrabarti

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Junta in El Salvador, which is to get 128,000,000 dollars or 25 per cent more than was earlier planned.

The dictatorship in Honduras and Haiti will receive 40,000,000 dollars. The appropriations for the 1983 fiscal year might run into 664,000,000 dollars.

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Round the Soviet Union

AN ORIGNAL BUILDING RESEMBLING A STONE FLOWER WITH 22 PETALS NOW GRACES THE CENTRE OF THE CITY OF CHELYABINSK IN THE URALS, WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF OVER 1,000,000. The new building which houses the regional drama theatre was designed by a local architect. The theatre has two stages: the main with an auditorium seating 900 people, and an experimental stage. The walls of the lobby and the staircase are lined in marble, and Urals stone and decorated with cast-iron mouldings.

A FILM CREW FROM THE EAST SIBERIAN DOCUMENTARY STUDIOS HAS STARTED SHOOTING A DOCUMENTARY, "30 MINUTES AROUND YAKUTIA", DEDICATED TO THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE USSR. It will tell of the changes in the life of the people inhabiting this northern area who up to 1917 didn't even have an alphabet of their own. Filmmakers will be taken on a tour of the diamond mines in Mirny, of the anoprisors of the South-Yakutian tailoring-production complex, and of the laboratories of the Institute of Space Physics Research and Aeronautics.

THE LOKTEV DANCE AND SONG ENSEMBLE HAS CELEBRATED ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY. This children's ensemble from Moscow is made up of 1,400 children who play in orchestras, sing in choirs and dance. The ensemble has toured many countries including the GDR, Poland, Syria, France, Finland, the Netherlands and Norway.

CONSTRUCTION IS NOW COMPLETED OF ANOTHER PLATFORM WHICH IS PART OF THE OFF-SHORE OIL FIELD IN THE CASPIAN. The platform will possess two oil rigs, multi-story blocks of flats, a helipad, a canteen and a medical post. The platform is located 120 kilometres from the Azerbaijan capital, Baku. It will increase the area of the Caspian oil fields in the Caspian.



A PIT BEYOND THE ARCTIC CIRCLE

This picture was taken in the Far North, at the Vorkashor coal mine in the Komi ASSR. The name of the Vorkashor settlement where the mine is located means "valley track" in the Komi language. Indeed, only 18 years ago relatively tracks passed through the area.

The rapid development of industry, such as oil, coal-mining and timber processing in the northern areas of our country has resulted in the rapid growth of new industrial centres. The American scientists A. Aspin and M. Muller, who visited the Soviet North, have called the scope of construction there a fantastic reality.

Dozens of towns have been built beyond the

Arctic Circle, among them Vorkashor, a large coal-mining centre. The Vorkashor pit is only 40 kilometres from Vorkashor and is part of the Vorkashor association. Every fifth tonne of coal produced by the association comes from this pit which has a daily output of over 15,000 tonnes. Operations at the pit are 100 per cent mechanized and automated. As distinct from most Western countries the USSR has never written off the coal industry as having no future and has financed production all over the country, including in the Far North. Daily output nationwide is now around 2,000,000 tonnes, or 20 times what it was back a century ago.

A NEW RESIDENTIAL AREA IN BREST

Construction is now taking place for a new residential area in Brest, a Soviet border town well known to visitors from Western Europe. The builders had to raise the site level by 3.5 metres to lay foundations for the houses.

Our town lacks vacant build-

ing space, comments Brest's leading architect V. Copchenko, and so we decided to build on marshlands between the Mukhavets and Western Bug rivers that is unsuitable for agriculture. To this end, he continued, we will have to shift 11,000,000 cu. m of soil from natural quarries. A lake which will form in one such quarry will become the centre of a park zone, and the second one, some distance away from the new borough, destined to house 100,000 residents, will gather another 10 test wells in the region.

OIL GUSHER STRUCK
A well 3,900 m deep at the Muradzhany deposit in Azerbaijan is producing 800 tonnes of oil daily, the largest quantity from operating wells in the Transcaucasian republic.

Experts believe that prospec-

tors might discover more deep underground cracks and inlets filled with oil, and this is why drilling is now under way at another 10 test wells in the re-

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FROM the SOVIET PRESS

ELECTRIC ENERGY: MAJOR BRANCH OF THE ECONOMY

The power industry is a major branch of the Soviet economy, writes EKONOMICHESKAYA GAZETA. In the five-year-plan period of 1981-85, the production of electric energy will go up by 260,000 million kilowatt hours to reach a total of 1,555,000 million kilowatt hours. The share of energy produced by atomic power stations will be increased from 5.6 per cent in 1980 to 14.1 per cent in 1985, while the share generated by thermal power stations will go down from 80.2 to 71.1 per cent.

The unified electric power system of the USSR incorporates the nine joint electric power grids of the North-West, the Centre, the Middle Volga, the South, the North Caucasus, Transcaucasia, the Urals, Kazakhstan and Siberia. A single centre controls about 83 per cent of the capacity of the country's stations. The USSR unified electric power system is connected to the power systems of the socialist community countries.

URBAN AND RURAL POPULATION IN THE USSR

An indicator that the social structure of our urban and rural population is evening out can be seen from a study of their educational levels, writes the POLITICHESKOYE SAMOGRADOVANIYE magazine. While in 1979 there were 342 persons with a higher or secondary (complete or incomplete) education per 1,000 population in the cities as compared with 63 in the country (almost a fourfold difference), the 1981 figures were respectively 800 and 736.

The rural and urban population is also drawing closer as regards their incomes. Here are some figures. In 1985 the average monthly wage for industrial workers was 101.7 roubles and 72.5 roubles for state-

farm workers; the 1980 figures were 185.5 and 140 roubles. It is of significance that state-farm workers normally receive supplementary incomes from their real incomes, as compared to those of factory and office workers per family member, rose from 75 per cent in 1965 to 89 per cent in 1980. It was stressed at the 26th CPSU Congress that in the 11th five-year-plan period the incomes of collective farmers will come very close to those of the factory and office workers, with account being taken of the incomes deriving from small holdings.

Recently scientists have been able to make use of more powerful space technology, including general-purpose automatic orbital stations-satellites having an expanded research capability. This means that more wide-ranging research in space is now possible.

TO UNDERSTAND SOMEONE ELSE'S PAIN IS A WRITER'S MAIN QUALITY

I believe the ability to feel someone else's pain is a major quality in a writer, says author Grigory Bakunov in KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA, analysing the task of a writer. I am not the first person to have repeated the famous 19th-century Russian writer Herzen when he said: We are not doctors, we are pain. And we should not give the illusion that art can heal. Art can awaken one's conscience, infect with passion, and act on example, but the healing has to be left to the individual himself. This essential requisition for a good writer, Bakunov continues, in addition to talent, are willpower, tremendous willpower, industry and, of a certain purity, asceticism.

All of us are, of course, good people when we are alone. But to live a moral life among others, without infringing on one's conscience or on another's expense, without impinging or oppressing upon the interests of others is much more difficult than to build wonderful plans in solitude. Both great and not great writers have expanded their talents precisely for this aim to understand them and through him—the world: how one nation should live with another nation; how to create a harmony in human relations without which, of course, the world would perish. The greater the writer the lesser role it played in his work by such factors as, for instance, ambition. Excessively ambitious people, although they are vaguely aware of their vulnerability, although they would not admit it for love of money,

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When they return from work to Lithuania, white storks will find thousands of new "holes" ready for them. Stork dwellings have been built on water pumping stations, on the roofs of houses and on the tops of birch trees.

Since time out of mind the Lithuanian peasant has looked

on the stork as a symbol of family happiness and for this reason they try to attract the bird to their homes. In Seinulka, for instance, a stork couple settled in the chimney of the local school. Each autumn, their nest was carefully removed by young Lithuanians to be put back into place in spring. Many people living on the new residential estates, however, tend to forget this custom. Trying to keep up with the times the storks themselves have taken to building their nests on the pylons of electric transmission lines and on telegraph poles.

Much love and care is devoted to the black storks which have become quite rare in Europe. Their places of habitation have been declared bird sanctuaries by Lithuania's Committee for Nature Conservation. The local branch of the Armenian Artists Union

is preparing an exhibition of Menukyan's works in the republican capitol.

Garegin Menukyan works at a foundry in Lediakan, Armenia. His past time is wood-carving: his wood-carvings are highly valued by professionals now all over the world.

Menukyan, left to right: Head of an Urartian Chief; "The Grape Harvest"; "An Actress"; "The Family".

The local branch of the Armenian Artists Union

VINICULTURE IN TURKMENIA

Major viniculture zone is being established in Turkmenia, the southernmost Soviet Central Asian Republic, on lands irrigated by canal, supplied by the 1,100-kilometre Karakum Canal. Vineyards will cover an area of 20 thousand hectares under the 1981-85 five-year plan. This will make the Ashkhabad region Turkmenia's largest grape producer. The republic's most productive vineyards are being established at the foothills of the Kopet-Dag Mountains.

The cultivation of the vineyards will be fully mechanized and plans have provided for wine and juice canning factories.

It is envisaged that Turkmenia's grape output will reach 120 thousand tonnes by 1985, twice as much as last year.

AUTOMATIC DEVICES CONTROL TURBINE OPERATIONS

Reliable and economical operation of superpowerful turbines is ensured by an automatic control system designed by engineers and scientists from Khar'kov. The first complex of their electronic instruments is specifically constructed for the Yachmennikovskaya nuclear power station.

The system is programmed to control mechanisms that regulate the supply of steam, water and lubricants and their temperatures and pressure. If slight deviation occurs, the automatic instruments will either reduce or increase the machine's rpm, thereby maintaining its established power rating.

This new complex fitted with a micro-computer is also versatile and in adapting it for use with different types of machines it is only necessary to change its programme. Those automatic instruments will be filled to turbines, rated at one million and 750 thousand kilowatts installed at other nuclear power stations.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Theatre, Cinema and TV Stars

Liya AKHEDZHAKOVA



FACTS and EVENTS

TV FILM OF IGOR MOISEYEV'S BALLET

Films. A two-week retrospective in Vienna of Vsevolod Pudovkin, a great founder of the Soviet cinema, featured his 12 best works, among them "Mother", "The End of St. Petersburg", "The Descendant of Genghis Khan" and "Admiral Nakhimov".

Guest performances. The Moscow Chamber Musical Theatre is off for its tour of the FRG with the programme featuring Igor Stravinsky's "The Rake's Progress" and Dmitry Shostakovich's opera "The Nose", based on Gogol's play.

Music. Vienna's largest concert auditorium, Musikverein, was packed for series of classical music, in which soloist Svetlana violinist Vladimir Spivakov and violist Yuri Bashmet played works by Mozart and Beethoven accompanied by the Dresden Symphony Orchestra.

completely forgotten national dances as well as creating new ones, which today our people have come to consider as their own.

The 120-strong company has toured in over 60 countries. In the film "Igor Moiseyev's Ballet" viewers will be ushered as it were into Moiseyev's workshop; they will get a good idea of the company's many-hour-long exacting rehearsals, and will see well-known in addition to new dances.

Festival of movies made by women

Seven Soviet films (features and documentaries) were shown at the week-long 4th International film festival at women-directors at Saumur, France.

In the competition section the following two films, both Soviet film productions, were shown: "Muzhik" made by Iraida Bar-

bich and "Vasya and Vasilisa" by Irina Poplavskaya.

During the festival there was a retrospective showing of films by Larisa Shepitko. These included "Swallows", "The Ascent", "Wings", "You and Me" and a documentary called "La-



In the photo: a scene from the drama, "Arakan Jola", performed by Viktor Nikulin (left) and Grigory Zaharov.

THE MUSIC OF LANDSCAPES



Two pictures from the "Northern Cycle".

Though Muscovites tend to be fussy as far as exhibitions of art are concerned (they have so many to choose from), the pressa show of landscapes by Pyotr Sidorov now on view at Moscow's Scandia Club is always crowded.

What's the attraction of an exhibition of landscapes in our age of scientific and technical progress? I asked a young man who was looking at one of the canvases. Music, he answered

without the slightest hesitation. Just listen to the music in these pictures. Here you see the slow yet magnificent sounds of the Russian North; here, a solemn, far-off choral glorifying the landscapes; and in this canvas you hear the sounds of a shepherd's pipe being played in a small meadow at sunset in Moscow. Believe me, this is what springs to mind as I look at these pictures. Sidorov also paints still-life genre scenes

and portraits. However, his view of nature is particularly penetrating and touching.

I went through World War II, said the artist, and I saw burnt woods and fields blighted by shells. I saw trees in full bloom dying. This is maybe why I often paint landscapes. Our roots, after all, are in nature, and something always dies in ourselves if nature dies.

Tatjana GOLENPOLSKY

BUSINESS

APPEAL FOR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TRADE IN PLACE OF SANCTIONS AND THREATS

We represent a number of American firms manufacturing equipment for electronics and electric power and agriculture, said Michael Fay, President of Argus Trading Ltd, during a visit to Moscow. Our activities form an example of successful cooperation with Soviet foreign trade organizations.

But unfortunately, our success is exceptional, Fay went on to say. At the present time American companies have limited possibilities on the Soviet market. American-Soviet trade and its expansion are hampered by President Reagan's economic sanctions. What are the consequences of such measures? They might well backfire on us, Americans. It is timely to recall in this connection the embargo on trade with the USSR, once

imposed by President Carter.

In the first place losses were suffered by American companies. Lucrative contracts with the USSR in many fields were lost. This came as a blow both to engineering firms and farmers. Soviet foreign trade organizations, quite naturally now look for more reliable partners in Western Europe and Japan.

It must be added that the sanctions have had imposed at a time when unemployment in the USA has reached an unprecedented level. Soviet orders could ensure employment for thousands upon thousands of American workers.

Americans visiting the USSR see for themselves the friendliness of the Soviet people, Michael Fay stressed.

ALGERIA HELPED EXPLOIT SAHARA

Development of Algeria's southern regions is one of the main targets of the country's first five-year development plan for 1980-1984. Under the plan industrial plants are going up in the oasis towns of the Algerian Sahara, housing is being built, and increasing amounts of desert land are being reclaimed.

Soviet specialists are helping

in no small way to exploit the Sahara. Groups of geologists and hydrogeologists are prospecting for minerals and water and Soviet doctors and specialists in industrial training are busy in some towns in the Sahara. Soviet turbines are now in use in the capital and other cities of Czechoslovakia.

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AUTOSALON

played over 40,000 square metres of floor space.

More than half a million people visited the exhibition. They were shown over 1,220 automobiles of various makes and classes, as well as garage equipment, accessories and technical literature. As in the case of other shows, Soviet Lada cars were rated highly.

SPORTS

ICE HOCKEY

Palace of Sport, Lenin Central Stadium. 20 — Central Army Club v Traktor. 21 — Spartak v Krylya Sovetov. 5 p.m. (both days). 22 — Central Army Club v Dynamo (Moscow). 8.45 p.m.

Central Army Club, Spartak and Moscow Dynamo lead the USSR championship.

BASKETBALL

Dynamo Palace of Sport (32 Pushkinskaya St.), 20 — Women's team: Dynamo (Moscow) v Kirovskii (Vilnius). 3 p.m. Men's team: Dynamo (Moscow) v Central Army Club. 5 p.m.

Central Army Club Sports (39 Leningradsky Prospekt), 22 — Women's team: Central Army Club v Spartak (Leningrad). 7 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition Hall, USSR Arms Ural (20 Kuznetsky Most St.), 22 — "Modar Enamel Art", an exhibition featuring works by Soviet and Hungarian jewellers, painters, drawers, sculptors and monogram artists. Daily, 1 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Metro Kuznetsky Most.

Strela Trifayev Gallery, Anzhelika Lavrushinskaya Lane. An exhibition of paintings by V. Popov.

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Metro 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Fare 5 kopeks.

Trolleybus 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Fare 4 kopeks.

Tram 5.30 a.m. to 1.30 a.m. Fare 3 kopeks.

Bus 24-hour service. Twenty kopeks on the meter.

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Communal cabs (over 40 routes in the city).

Metro 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fare 15 kopeks.

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